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MEMORANDUM TO: Project Engineers
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SUBJECT: OPTIONAL DISC BEARINGS

In order to provide the contractor with an optional bearing system, disc bearings will be permitted as an option to Pot Bearings.

When Pot Bearings are required, place the following note on the plans:

The Contractor may substitute Disc Bearings for the Pot Bearings shown. For Optional Disc Bearings, see Special Provisions.

For projects subject to this note, no additional design requirements or pay items will be needed.

This policy shall be effective with the January 2003 letting. The Design Manual and Pot Bearing Standard will be revised to reflect this policy change at a later date.

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